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19. — *Naval Text-Book, and Dictionary, for the Use of the Midshipmen of the U. S. Navy.* By B. J. TOTTEN, Commander U. S. Navy. New Edition, revised. New York: D. Van Nostrand. 1862. 12mo. pp. 449.

OF a large portion of this book we must judge with the diffidence that becomes a landsman; but it seems to us just the manual which a young sailor, in training for command, needs to insure his successful mastery of the work on board a ship of war. We ought also to say, that the greater part of the manual would be of essential benefit to young or destined officers in the merchant service, prescribing as it does the neatest and most expeditious methods of ship-craft and sea-craft many of which are applicable in common to all sailing vessels. Of the Dictionary, which occupies more than one third of the volume, we can speak with more authority; for it defines and explains, so that we can clearly understand them, the cabalistic terms which we have so often heard and read as words of an unknown tongue. We feel almost tempted to read Cooper's maritime novels over again, with this vocabulary at hand, so sorely have we felt the need of such help in our vain endeavor to keep alongside of his heroes in their doings and sufferings at sea.

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20. — *The Honest Man's Book of Finance and Politics, showing the Cause and Cure of Artificial Poverty, Dearth of Employment, and Dulness of Trade. In Two Parts.* Part I. *Paper Money and Speculation, Usury and Increase.* Part II. *Theory of a Perfect Currency and a Perfect Government.* New York. 1862. 12mo. pp. 287.

THE title of this book explains its character. It unfolds schemes of business, finance, and government, of the kind commonly called impracticable, by which is meant "out of gearing with human folly, selfishness, and sin; adapted to man as he ought to be, not as he is." Such treatises have no scientific value; for the very elements which they eliminate are essential factors in political science of every description. But they have a very high moral worth, both as indicating the existence of some souls that are not wholly weighed down by inferior cares, and as breathing over the hot and dusty world in which we work the prophecy of a far-off future in which there will be neither lost labor nor forfeited recompense. By so much as we can see no place for our author's Utopia this side of the Millennium, by so much are we indebted to him for the brief contemplation of gain without sordidness and government without self-seeking.